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## A Merry Christmas



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# The Many Tongues of Christmastide

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**C**HRISTMAS is an institution and a spirit too good to let die. The story of the Christ child is the sweetest story in the world and it never becomes stale. When a little child hears it for the first time, he loves it and holds it.

For centuries wise and simple alike hail

the joyful wonder of the cradle at Bethlehem as the fitting prelude to the tragic wonder of the cross. The tale of the first Christmas morning is that heavenly messenger have manifested themselves in our earthly sphere; heaven and earth are bound together; God and man are knit; the spiritual is linked to the material. The Word or Expression of God is uttered through a human being. The religious message of Christmas is fundamental. "Glory to God in the highest" is first in order; then comes goodwill in and among men; and only then can peace abide.

Some do not definitely recognize this religious basis, yet gladly proclaim and obey the best of the Christmas message. They would readily agree with Charles Dickens when he said: "I have always thought of Christmastime, apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin—if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time."

The institution which can create such a spirit even for one day is worth preserving.

Christmas speaks to me with many tongues and every tongue has its own significance.

1. It speaks with the tongue of rejuvenation. There is here a new beginning for the race. The Calendar of Christendom teaches us to date our years not from the first Good Friday or Easter, but from Christmas. Since the birth of Christ, and by it, a new beginning has been made in the history and every new year may be designated a fresh *Annus Domini* year of the Lord.

2. It speaks with the tongue of deep mystery, mystery not of darkness, but of light. From the nature of the case the wisest and the simplest must kneel in wonder before this real manifestation of God, the Almighty, in flesh. The Incarnation gives us the nearer vision of God. The invitation of the Season is not: "O come let us explain Him," but: "O come let us adore Him."

3. It speaks with the tongue of Love. It is the sign of God's sympathy with His creatures. His desire to come near to them. His love has endured all human experiences from infancy to death. "The divine became human that the human may become divine." So said one of the early Fathers of the Church. Love gives itself and longs to possess the answering love of its beloved. Christ is God's unspeakable gift to us. All Christmas giving rests upon the self-giving of God. Christmas love seeks to give to those whom we love, to those who are in need, seeking for help and rescue.

4. It speaks with the tongue of humility. It brings home to us the picture of one who "became poor" for our sake. As we remember the example of this great humility we dare not keep the feast in pride. The poverty of the Birth does not set class against class, but it does teach how little the greatest things of life are bound up with abundance of material goods. "Simplicity" of life is compatible with much or with little of this world's possessions; it is a thing of the spirit; and it is taught by the circumstances of the Infant Christ.

5. It speaks with the tongue of thanksgiving. In return for God's inestimable gift to us, how can we show forth our gratitude? And for all the blessings of this life, for friends, for children, for cheer, for opportunities, for achievements, Christmas bids us thank our Heavenly Father. We gather in homes made bright by His presence; we are linked by loving thoughts to friends and kindred now far away; we remember our loved dead who are safe in the heavenly land and surely they in Christ remember us and send us a message of good cheer. All the associations of the season bid us be thankful.

6. It speaks with the tongue of forgiveness. It gives to friends the occasion of speaking out their mutual affection, and to those estranged the opportunity of reconciliation. When angels sing "Peace on Earth and Mercy Mild," can we not bury our grudges and sweeten our resentments? Let us pray for grace to forgive those who have annoyed us, even as we humbly pray to be ourselves forgiven by God.

7. It speaks with the tongue of eternal childhood. It is pre-eminently the feast of the little ones. That is why the Spirit of Christmas persists and remains the same. Childhood means innocence, simplicity, affection, nearness to God. It means also promise, growth, development, the beginning of a process of spiritual progress, the end of which is not yet. All the winsome glories of Home grow out of the spirit of Christmas.

8. It speaks with the tongue of Hope. "Hope was born on Christmas day." The keynote of the old carol strikes the keynote of the Christmas celebration: "Let nothing you dismay." The Dying from on high, the golden sunrise of Love has dawned on the darkness and despair of mankind, to give us light and guidance into the valley of peace. Christmas is a day. It is also a spirit. We may live in the spirit of Christmas all the year through. That spirit is the spirit of giving oneself, of loving, of brotherhood, of service. We can keep the Christmas spirit every day but we can not keep it alone.

Canada is a land of homes. The Home is the peculiar sphere of the Christmas spirit. May this Christmastide bring joy and peace to our Canadian homes and consecrate us to better service in the year to come!

Cratchit made the gravy (ready beforehand in a little saucepan) hissing hot; Master Peter mashed the potatoes with incredible vigour; Miss Belinda, sweetened up the apple-sauce; Martha dusted the hot plates; Bob took Tiny Tim beside him in a corner at the table; the two young Cratchits set chairs for everybody, not forgetting themselves, and mounting guard upon their posts, crammed spoons into their mouths lest they should shriek for goose before their turn came to be helped. At last the dishes were set on and grace was said. It was succeeded by a breathless pause, as Mrs. Cratchit, looking slowly all along the carving knife, prepared to plunge it in the breast; but when she did, and when the long-expected rush of stuffing assailed the palate, one murmur of delight arose all round the board, and even Tiny Tim, excited by the two young Cratchits, beat on the table with the handle of his knife, and feebly cried Hurrah!



PAY YOUR TOLL

## The Legend of the Christmas Stocking

**M**ANY, many years ago there lived in Europe a very wealthy man named St. Nicholas. He liked nothing better than to help poor people, but disliked very much being thanked for his gifts. One Christmas Eve he wished to give a purse of gold to an old man and his little daughter, and in order to escape being seen, he climbed to their roof and dropped his precious gift down the chimney. Instead of landing on the hearth, however, the purse fell right into a stocking which was hung up to dry, and the next morning it was discovered there! When other people heard of the strange happening they too hung up their stockings, and soon all over the land it became the custom on Christmas Eve to hang up one's stocking for St. Nicholas to fill.

There never was such a goose. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked. Its tenderness and flavor, size and cheapness, were the themes of universal admiration. Eked out by apple-sauce and mashed potatoes, it was a sufficient dinner for the whole family; indeed, as Mrs. Cratchit said with great delight (surveying one small atom of a bone upon the dish), they hadn't ate it all at last! Yet every one had had enough, and the youngest Cratchits in particular, were steeped in sage and onion to the eyebrows! But now, the plates being changed by Miss Belinda, Mrs. Cratchit left the room alone—too nervous to bear witnesses—to take the pudding up and bring it in.

Suppose it should not be done enough! Suppose it should break in turning out! Suppose somebody should have got over the wall of the backyard and stolen it, while they were merry with the goose—a supposition at which the two young Cratchits became livid! All sorts of horrors were suggested.

Hallo! A great deal of steam! The pudding was out of the copper. A smell like a washing-day! That was the cloth. A smell like an eating-house and a pastry cook's next door to each other, with a laundress's next door to that! That was the pudding! In half a minute Mrs. Cratchit entered—flushed, but smiling proudly—with the pudding, like a speckled cannon ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half-a-quartern of ignited brandy, and bedight with Christmas holly.—Dickens' Christmas Carol.

## The Cratchits' Christmas Dinner

**S**UCH a bustle ensued that you might have thought a goose the rarest of all birds; a feathered phenomenon, to which a black swan was a matter of course—and in truth it was something very like it in that house. Mrs.



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#### COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE MONDAY

The community miners will hold their annual Christmas treat for all kiddies of the town under thirteen years of age, in the opera house on Monday next, commencing at 7 p.m.

A splendid programme is being arranged and will be presented by the children of the school, under the supervision of teachers and others, following which Santa Claus will distribute the good things. All children of the town under 13 years are invited and should be present.

#### ST. LUKE'S, BLAIRMORE

Services: Sunday, December 22nd, Matins at 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

#### DEATH OF THOMAS BRADLEY

The death occurred at Bellevue on Friday afternoon last of Thomas Bradley, one of the best known residents of the district.

Mr. Bradley had been a sufferer from cancer, and the end was not unexpected. He leaves a widow and two children.

Funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, of which organization he was a faithful member, he being one of the charter applicants of the Bellevue Lodge.

The remains were laid to rest in the Masonic plot at the Hillcrest cemetery.

H. J. Snell was re-elected mayor of Red Deer by a small majority over Howlett.

#### ROADS THROUGH THIS DISTRICT BEING KEPT OPEN

Mainly through the instrumentality of Mr. L. L. Morgan, of the Crows' Nest Pass Motors, a caterpillar snow plow of the Russell Motor Patrol type was shipped to Blairmore last week end by the government and during the week has been doing excellent work on the Red Trail through this district. Messrs. Frank Keer and Claire Synder are operating the machine, which cuts a wide swath, travelling at an average speed of three miles per hour. In one day the machine can do the work of possibly two hundred men and in a trip out and return leaves a clean trail wide enough to accommodate cars passing.

As the trail between Coleman and Bellevue is in good condition, attention is now being directed to that leading from Bellevue towards Lundbreck, after which an effort will be made to open up the roads through to Crows' Nest.

Once cleared, it will be a very easy matter to keep the highway clear through this district all winter, and at very nominal cost.

#### RELIEF FOR CROWS' NEST EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

It will be good news to Southern Albertans generally, to learn that the Canadian Pacific Railway, which is the largest purchaser of steam coal from the Crows' Nest Pass field mines, is going to spread its orders out over a longer period, so that employment in that field may be more steady than it has been in the past. It is reported that three days' work a week during the winter will be the result.

The C.P.R. will be undertaking this plan at some inconvenience. It is cheaper for the company to take its coal in summer, when its power and rolling stock are more or less idle. The company is doing Southern Alberta a good turn by its present decision.

It is well, also, for the public to remember, that the railway company must keep large reserves on hand in view of a shutdown of the Crows' Nest Pass mines due to labor or other troubles. The C.P.R. has paid heavily at times in the past for coal when the Crows' mines were shut down through strikes. It would have a right to expect that it will be protected against such losses in the future, now that it has changed its policy to suit the employment needs of the miners.—Lebridge Herald.

#### CURLING DRAWS FOR WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 23

Monday, Dec. 23, 7 p.m.—McDougall vs Congdon, Cruickshank vs Jenkins, Morgan vs Rose.

Monday, Dec. 23, 9 p.m.—Campbell vs Wilson, Rhynas vs Miller, Upton vs Kerr.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 7 p.m.—Thompson vs Rose, Chappell vs Cruickshank, Congdon vs Morgan.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 9 p.m.—Campbell vs Jenkins. Two sheets open for postponed games.

Friday, Dec. 27, 7 p.m.—Chappell vs Campbell, Rhynas vs Rose. No. 3 ice reserved for the ladies.

Friday, Dec. 27, 9 p.m.—Wilson vs Kerr, Upton vs Jenkins. No. 3 ice reserved for the ladies.

Monday, Dec. 30, 7 p.m.—Wilson vs Cruickshank, Rhynas vs Thompson, Chappell vs Upton.

Monday, Dec. 30, 9 p.m.—Morgan vs McDougall, Congdon vs Miller. No. 3 ice open for postponed games.

January 1st and 2nd—Big hockey game, Blairmore "Bearcats" vs Trail "Smoke Eaters."

Friday, January 3rd—All ice open for the play of postponed games.

An exchange points out that the talkies are not true to life. The woman waits until the man finishes what he has to say.

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Lemon, Orange, lb. 25c  
Grid Almonds, lb. 30c  
Almond icing, 1-lb tin 50c  
Glazed Cherries, lb. 60c  
1/2-lb tins 45c  
Shelled Almonds, lb. 65c  
Shelled Walnuts, lb. 60c  
icing Sugar, lb. 50c  
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#### A NEW SANCTUARY

A matter engaging the interest of ranchers in the hills at present, is the likelihood of having a portion of the Porcupines set aside as a game preserve. Sentiment in the hills is strongly in favor of this move, and it is also being promoted by many of the citizens of towns along the line.

It would furnish an ideal sanctuary for game birds and sportsmen and the opinion that, if this were segregated, the increase in foothill bird would be very noticeable in a few years.

Elk have been seen frequently in the hills, having made their way doubtless, from B.C.—High River Times.

#### THE FIRST PRINTER'S DEVIL

In the early days of printing, the art was much of a mystery, and ignorant people thought the printer evoked the aid of the powers of evil.

Aldus Manutius, the famous Italian printer of the sixteenth century went to Africa on an exploring expedition and brought back with him a very black negro boy. Negroes were a rarity then. The report immediately gained circulation that the printer had been employing the Black Art in his work and that the pickaniny was in reality an imp of Satan. He was called the "Little Black Devil." The charge became so serious that the printer was forced to exhibit the negro in public. In his announcement he said:

"Be it known to Venice that I, Aldus Manutius, printer to the Holy Church and to the Doge, have this day made public exposure of the printer's devil. All those who think he is not flesh and blood may come and pinch him."

And that is how the term "printer's devil" had its origin.

As a result of the activities of the Board of Trade at Red Deer, a match factory is being established there by the Eddy Match Co.

Last week we received a bag of delicious walnuts, grown by Mrs. Mark Drumm at Hollywood, California.

Owing to the roads being practically impassable between local towns, the Moose dance, scheduled for Monday night, was postponed.

According to the press, brokers are opening offices on ocean liners. That's a terrible place to have the bottom drop out of anything.

Harry Webb, ex-member of the London, Ontario, police, was sentenced to serve 14 years in jail at Portsmouth on two charges of arson, 12 years on 27 charges of house breaking and 3 years for carrying weapons, the terms to run concurrently.

NOTE—For last-minute service, we have in stock a beautiful line of cards bearing various society emblems in colors, including Knights of Columbus, Oddfellows, Knights of Pythias and Masonic. These make very choice greeting cards, for use by individuals or by societies to their memberships.

We noticed where a Calgary magistrate rapped the daily papers for reporting hold-ups so glaringly and in detail before the trial. Every once in a while a magistrate or judge vents his opinion on matters in general; and we sometimes wonder what the dignity of the court would say if the papers really gave their honest opinions of some of our courts and their operations. — Claresholm Local Press.

Considerable interest was manifested in Washington over the novel manner in which President Hoover dealt with one of the capital's spasmodic demonstrations by persons professing to be Communists. Rather than let the offenders remain in jail or pay fines, as has been the case on previous occasions when demonstrations have taken place, Mr. Hoover requested that they be released and sent to their parents, to prevent them from obtaining cheap martyrdom.

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# "A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE"

"FOR GOD so loved the world, as to give His only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in Him may not perish but may have life everlasting."

—St. John. 3:16.

Dear Friends:

It is understood that when the Gospel speaks of God's great love for the world, it means the world of men, or mankind in general, whom he has created to His Image and likeness.

But since "The great round world is everywhere, bound with gold chains about the feet of God," as Tennyson writes, we may consider how the world outside of man is brought into relation to God through the redemption worked by Him whose birthday we celebrate this Christmas night.

Even the most untutored minds are not without interest in those deep questions as to the origin and purpose of the world and its relation to its Creator and to ourselves.

It is related in the life of Father Lacombe, that these very questions were put to him by the savage tribes among whom he labored in the West.

One day, being tired of the noise of the camp and sickened by its smoky air, he wandered off alone on the banks of the Old Man river and sought solitude. Several of the Indians followed him and asked him to tell them something about the origin of the world and its purpose in the scheme of things.

Little did they know that they were asking instruction in the great science of cosmology; but their Black-robe made it simple for them. He told them that God made the world and all that it contains; that they alone of all the material universe possessed souls self-conscious and immortal; and that through their love and worship of God all things were made to minister to God's glory and their own everlasting good.

The first question in the small catechism is, "Who made the world?" and the answer given to the children is in one word, "God." The above answer is the only consistent solution that has ever been given to the problem of the world's origin. Here we have our feet set on the living rock of the eternal hills, and this is the foundation on which we build the edifice of life both for time and for eternity.

Thinking men have long been at grips with this basic question, but all that they have thought and written about it falls into one or another of three systems.

There are those who cannot conceive of any mode of being except the material one; and such minds produce the doctrine that the world itself is God. That doctrine is known by the name of pantheism. Instead of helping in the solution of the world's origin and purpose, pantheism only makes still greater difficulties; for it contradicts a principle that we are certain of, namely, causality. We note that ever cause is prior to the effect it produces and that there must be proportion between cause and effect. We say this in common language by such proverbs as "The spring cannot rise higher than its source." The effect cannot be more perfect than its cause. Jesus, speaking with His apostles, stated it this way: "Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles; by their fruits you shall know them." But pantheism admits only one substance which, in the process of time, becomes more perfect, working up from the crude matter to the world of living things and of men. This is a denial of the principle of cause and effect and of the proportion that we know must exist between them. The French philosopher, Farges, states the trouble with pantheism thus: "According to them it is no longer the perfect which produces the less perfect; but, on the contrary, it is the imperfect which produces perfection, it is the vague and undetermined thing which produces the orderly thing; it is the possibility which brings about the actual thing; it is the greater which comes from the lesser."

The poets, too, have stated the error of pantheism in catchy verse:

"Strange truth so painful to conceive,  
Relative to the heart as well as to the brain,  
That the world, the all-in-all,  
Should be God and know it not."

Pantheism is a vicious system and our reason tells us that it must be wrong.

The second of these general systems on the world origin teaches that the world is eternal and is itself the cause of all the order and being that exists. In spite of many famous names that support this theory, it cannot be established that this changeably and limited world is an eternal being. It does not possess those qualities that reason predicates of an eternal being. Its constant and universal order which works out intelligent purposes, cannot be explained by the blind action of atoms and forces. Even Wallace modifies this system by maintaining that on three occasions at least, the action of some power extraneous to the world must have come into action, namely, the production of the first cells of vegetable, animal and rational life. The order and finality and law everywhere manifest in the world demand an efficient and directive cause



of supreme, if not infinite intelligence, whom we called God.

The arguments from pure reason in favor of creation may be briefly stated. Since the world itself is not God, nor an eternal being, it follows that we must look for the reason of its existence in some extraneous cause. The world is a contingent being, that is to say, there is no reason in the heart of things why it should exist of necessity. Philosophers have felt this and the poets have nicely expressed it. Shakespeare tells us of the contingency of the world in these noble lines:

"The cloud-capped towers,  
The gorgeous palaces,  
The solemn temples,  
The great globe itself  
And all that it inherits  
Shall depart and like  
An unsubstantial pageant faded,  
Leave not a wrack behind."

The contingent world is therefore the creation of the eternal and necessary being, who is God. The world possesses being through participation only and therefore it must get it from one to whom being essentially belongs, that is from the Eternal God.

The Aristotelian doctrine which traces the world back to its Great First Cause, God, is also confirmed by Revelation. The Scriptural teaching on God affirms creation. How poetically the inspired writers affirm this truth. In the book of Genesis, the opening words of God's message state: "In the beginning God created heaven and earth." To Moses, His prophet, He says: "I am who I am . . . thus shalt thou say to the children of Israel, He who is, hath sent me to you."

Turning from the first pages over to the last of the Sacred Book, we find asserted at the end like at the beginning, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, saith the Lord God, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." We carve upon our altars the Alpha and the Omega, the first and last letter of the alphabet of Hellas, to symbolize God as the beginning and the consummation of all created things.

It may be of interest also to examine what the Scripture means by assigning the fact of creation to the "beginning of time." Concepts of Space-Time have varied in the course of ages, but an accepted idea of Time is to consider it as "the measure or duration of variable things." It would seem

that Time, as our minds can know it, began with the creation of the universe. Time measures the duration of changeable things, and with the creation of these, Time, which measures them, must have begun.

St. John, in the Apocalypse, tells of the mighty angel who swore by him that liveth for ever and ever "That time shall be no longer." This reference to time, must be understood as time for penance, time for man as viator to work out his salvation. For God will not bring to non-existence the elements of the universe which He has created, and so time, as a measure of changes and duration of this universe, must last as long as it lasts, that is forever.

Let us now consider the final cause of creation. In the children's catechism it asks, "Why did God create the world?" And the answer, "For His own glory, to show His power and wisdom, and for man's use and benefit." That is to say the reason for God's creative act must be sought within Himself.

The goodness of God is manifested in the creation of the world, and this manifest goodness procures for Him an extrinsic glory. The wonderful things in creation show God's power and wisdom, but being devoid of sense and reason, they glorify Him only imperfectly. So it is in the soul of man, made to God's likeness in being a spirit, that God is consciously glorified. Reverence, love and worship of God on the part of man, therefore, bring to fruition the final cause of creation, which is the glory of its Creator and the good of mankind. Thus the purpose of the creative plan is completed by the return of creation through man by his conscious communion with the Source and End of the creative act. The whole finality of creation is thus summed up:

"The world was made that we might be born. We were born that we might know God. We know Him that we may worship Him. We worship Him that we may earn immortality. We are rewarded with immortality that, being like unto the angels, we may serve our Father and Lord forever, and be the eternal kingdom of God."

Do not say, Dear Friends, that these questions are too abstract or not practical. They are the fundamentals of life. Through all states from savagery up to the highest culture; through all

variations of life, mankind remains strangely constant in one respect. He wants a real and satisfying explanation of his own nature and of the universe into which he was born. He has always asked the why and wherefore of life and death, of suffering, sin and happiness. His inner sense tells him that his life must have a purpose and that there must be a reasonable end or denouement to the great drama of life. True religion gives the answers to these yearnings of human nature. Nowhere else can man find any explanation of himself, or of his destiny, or of the means to attain it.

"Oh the depths of the riches of the wisdom of God!" Not only by revelation and by reason are man's work and destiny pointed out, but the Eternal Father, true to His name and nature, helps man to attain the happy end of his creation.

Are we not celebrating tonight the birthday of the Son of God into this world. And for what purpose did He come? To work out the redemption of His children gone astray and to show them the way to heaven by His teaching and example.

We may well expect something wonderful and worthy of God in the help that our Heavenly Father gives us to attain the end for which He made us. But who could guess that God would go so far as to come Himself among us and be as one of ourselves in all things, sin alone excepted? "For let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God . . . emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as man."

—Phil. 11:7.

One may reasonably expect that there would be both a way and a means for mankind to work out its destiny, to lay hold on eternal life. The way is the way of the commandments and the means or helps to keep them is the practice of religion.

In order to allure men to seek God and to love Him, He sent His son into the world in a way best fitted to accomplish these ends. Let us should fear too much the majesty of our Creator and Judge, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, emptied himself, taking the form of a servant and in likeness being found as man. And when the shepherds in the hilly pastures of Engaddi received from the angelic choirs the good tidings of great joy, a common sign, a very reassuring sign was given them; they were to find the infant Christ wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Were these the habillements of divine majesty? Was the manger the place to expect to find the heaven-sent King of the Jews, the Redeemer of mankind?

Looking back at it now, we can see in these circumstances a dispensation of infinite wisdom, for Christ came to draw all things to Himself. The poor human race in the vale of tears, in the valley of the shadow of death, which are life, could more easily love the Son of God coming to them in this manner.

How many illusions, common enough to humanity, were dispelled by this manner of Christ's coming. The poor, the outcast, the socially unpreferred, the weak, the agonizing, the sorrowful, the heavily burdened could forevermore take heart. Even the wisest men of antiquity had spurned such people, but God showed them a love of predilection. He became as one of themselves. Kings He could have made His servants and their thrones His footstool, but He chose the poor and the clean of heart, and the throne on which he first manifested Himself was the manger in Bethlehem's cave.

Was not this humble birth of Christ a fitting prelude to His teaching and His mission? To Him it belonged to teach, blessed are the poor in spirit, and the meek, and they that mourn, for they shall be divinely comforted; blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice, and the merciful, and the clean of heart, for they shall see God; blessed are the peacemakers, and they that suffer persecution for justice sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Christ has been loved and is loved from age to age supremely more than all the world besides, except perhaps by those who do not know Him. For those who know Him not and burn Him in effigy and repudiate Him and look upon Him as their enemy; for those who have only known a travesty of His teaching and His mission, the Sacred Heart pleads now, as of old on the hill of Calvary, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

Who is this invisible lover, dead upon the cross nineteen centuries ago, who attracts to Himself the youth and beauty and love of the world, who appears to souls with an éclat and a splendor which they cannot resist? Is it a mere man? No, it is God. That is the secret of this sublime and sorrowful mystery. God alone can gain such triumphs, and merit such sacrifices. And that Jesus whose divinity is every day denied or insulted, proves it every day among a thousand other proofs, by the miracles of love and of sacrifice made for His sake by those who love Him. Young and innocent hearts give themselves to Him in recompense for the gift of Himself which He has made to them, and the response they make is only the response of human love to God who was crucified for us.

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(The Blaimore Enterprise, 1914)

March 27.—S. Trono is opening a branch jewelry store at Coleman.

At Monday night's meeting of the town council, Messrs. J. W. Gresham, W. J. Bartlett and L. P. Robert were appointed to act with the mayor and health officer as a board of health.

J. W. Verge has resigned the principalship of the Blaimore schools, to take effect at the end of June.

April 3.—At a meeting of rate-payers at Frank on Wednesday, A. I. Blais, W. H. Hilton and Jasper Holub were elected school trustees.

John Kulenik, a Slavonian miner, was run over by a train near Crows' Nest on Monday night and died of injuries.

The marriage took place at Frank on Good Friday, of Miss Mary Ponsart, of Frank, to Mr. Henry William

Lambirth, of Banff. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. T. Young.

April 10.—One of the worst blizzards in the history of the country hit Newfoundland on Tuesday of last week, taking a toll of nearly 250 lives. Lord Northcliffe has already subscribed \$5000 towards the relief fund, to which has been added \$1000 from the Lake of the Woods Milling Co.

Miss Bradish has opened a millinery and fancy goods store in the Sargent block.

Krafchenko, convicted of murdering Manager Arnold of the Union bank at Plum Coulee, Manitoba, has been sentenced to hang on July 9th.

April 17.—At Monday night's meeting of the town council, W. A. Beebe offered lots 1 and 2 in block 7, situate on the corner of Ninth Avenue and Victoria Street, in exchange for the Malcolm lots as a site for fire hall and municipal building. At the same meeting, the Blaimore Hardware Co.

were authorized to install a tank and pump near their Victoria Street premises.

The firm of Dawson & Green, who have been carrying on business as plumbers and tin-smiths, is being dissolved.

Over seven thousand dollars was paid out by the Rocky Mountain Cement Company on Wednesday.

Dick Marshall and Cyclone Scott fought to a draw at Fernie on Monday night.

O. E. S. Whiteside, manager of the International Coal & Coke Company at Coleman, has purchased an auto.

Miss Katie McPhail, of Calgary, was a visitor with her brother John here during the week.

The Rocky Mountain Cement Company here have received an order for 25,000 barrels of cement from the city of Calgary.

Miss L. Chatfield has severed her connection with the post office staff here to take charge of the post office at Brooks.

A serious drowning fatality was barely averted on Monday evening, when little Bobby Thompson, who was playing around near the tennis courts, ventured too near the brink of the river and tumbled into the swift stream. His cousin, Miss Pinkney, who was nearby at the time, rushed to the lad's assistance, and in her attempt to reach him, she too had a narrow escape. The lad was rescued by Mr. J. H. Farmer, after being swept for some distance down stream.

The taxi driver was in court charged with using abusive language to a lady customer.

"But that wasn't no lady, your honor," he explained.

Judge: "It wasn't? I wonder if you know a lady when you meet one."

Taxi driver: "Course I do. Saw one the other day. She gave me a five dollar bill for a seventy-five cent ride, wouldn't take no change and told me to spend the rest and get drunk enough to kiss my mother-in-law. That's what I call a real lady!"

Jacob Hornbeck, of New York City, reported dead by the Canadian government in 1922, is suing Commissioner Whalen, of New York city, for \$3630 as back pension.

A professional touch is well represented by the following:

Dentist: "Which tooth do you want extracted?"

Pullman Porter: "Lower seven."

Dr. O. Lillie was operated upon at Calgary on Monday, and from latest reports, the operation is believed to have been successful. Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Lillie, of Blaimore, were in attendance.

## Christmas, 1929

Dear Friends:

Those of you, who like myself, went to school some years ago, will remember that the three "R's" were the foundation of our school work, and we know quite well that without these three we cannot go very far in this world of practical things.

But there are three things that are just as necessary to round this life of ours off. These are the three "L's," namely, Love, Labor and Learning. Added to the above, they are sufficient to take us through all life; that is, both here and the hereafter. And it is at this season of the year that the three "L's" are brought most conspicuously before us.

LOVE in the gift from God of the Christ-Child. LABOR by the shepherds kneeling at the feet of the Christ-Child.

LEARNING in the coming of the Wise men.

May we, both at this Christmastide and on through the New Year that approaches with its trials, joys and sorrows, take a fresh lesson from the three "L's" and make all our Labor filled with Love and mix it in with a seasoning of Learning.

Wishing you all a perfect Christmas and a bright and faithful New Year.

Yours very sincerely,

A. D. CURRIE, Rector of St. Luke's, Blaimore.

The editor of the Hanna Herald gave a well merited rebuke to one of those self-appointed up-litters who styled Hanna as "a city of drunkenness with bottles to be found on every doorstep and beer in everyone's cellar." In short a drunkard's "Rock Candy Mountain." These wild assertions were made in the pulpit by a temperance advocate in another town nearby. The statements made regarding the liquor conditions existing in Hanna are so untrue that they refute themselves. The prohibition cause is not helped much by foolish vapors of such self-appointed zealots.—Ex.

The "Fortnightly Review," a well-known publication in Great Britain, has been purchased by F. L. Hammond, son-in-law of Major W. B. Burnett, of Lethbridge.

We didn't mind short dresses displaying lovely knees, but a few days ago a man dropped dead on the main street of a city in Saskatchewan when about to meet a lady whose knees resembled portions of totem poles.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston, of Blaimore, visited with Mrs. Huston's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Art Cummings, over Sunday. They went from here to Okotoks, but will return to Nanton for Christmas.—Nanton News.



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## "A White Christmas"

As I write, it looks as if we are to have a white Christmas this year. The snow has been falling steadily for days. The hills are covered with glistening whiteness and the valley where our little town nestles is covered so thickly with the fluffy flakes, that for the time at least, the grime of the ever-present coal dust is covered and held prisoner by this beautiful symbol of purity and goodness.

How glad we are to see the snow! A white Christmas seems so much more like Christmas, as we say. And, of course, Santa needs the snow for his reindeer sled, and Christmas trees are not half so pretty when the frost does not glisten from every twig and branch.

But this year, in the Crows' Nest Pass, the coming of the snow at Christmas will be a blessing mixed with suffering. The snow is so deep it is difficult to get around if one does not live on the main street. Warm clothing and good food, so necessary under these conditions, are a source of anxiety to many, owing to the long period of short work we are experiencing. On the other hand, logs in the bush are moving toward the river, and more coal will be needed by industries and railways. This means a promise of more work. More work means Christmas cheer, visits from Santa, full stockings for the children and a glad joyousness liberated from haunting fears.

All these things are in the background of our thoughts as we look out of our windows upon the whiteness of the snow and remember it is Christmas. But these things do not explain our joy. Nothing explains it, except the feeling that only a white Christmas can fittingly usher in the anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

Few people can resist the appeal of a little babe. Its very helplessness almost ensures that, for most human hearts readily respond to the cry of the weak, but the innocent purity of the loving advances of a little child will break down the reserves of almost any heart. And Christmas is the birthday of Jesus. The birthday of the babe to whom all the world offers tribute every day of the year whenever a date is affixed to a document. In a sense this babe is representative of the babes of every age, every land and every clime. A white Christmas fittingly symbolizes the innocent purity of babyhood.

Yet even this does not explain why we are so glad to see the snowy mantle resting over the land at Christmas time. Nor is it just because it awakens happy memories of days long past. Nor that a white Christmas has been commercialized by every industry that could hope to profit by it. It is because the birth of this babe in Bethlehem of Judea, ushered into the world of men, one that stands for all that is pure and holy, kind and good, among men. In Him there rises aloft the highest pinnacle of love conceived by man, a love freely given to friend, to enemy and to stranger alike. Like the shepherds of old, all through the ages men have bowed in humble adoration, not only before the Child of Bethlehem, but also before the Man of Galilee and the prisoner of Jerusalem. This same Jesus who has drawn back the veil and revealed the eternal goodness of God, has revealed also the moral destiny of man.

Nature has done her part this year, to give us a white Christmas, but there will be no "White Christmas" for us unless into our lives and into our attitude towards men there comes that spirit of Christmas that will not be satisfied with a few kindly deeds, a little charity and so forth during the Christmas week. The true spirit of Christmas will face the real causes of sorrow and suffering, the varied forms of injustice and wrong, the war spirit, greed, distrust and ignorance. Wisely given relief is a Christian duty, but it is more in keeping with the spirit of a "White Christmas" to wrestle with the whole problem of unemployment. The earnest way in which men and masters and consumers have faced that phase of this problem as it affects us locally gives cause for great thankfulness and is a ray of hope shining into the future.

The spirit of Christmas is the approach of the world's problems in the spirit of "What would Jesus do?"

Yours sincerely,  
REV. J. W. SMITH, B.D.

The Mormon church at Hillspring was totally destroyed by fire on Monday.

Two miners, Tom Campbell and Martin Michalowski, died of accidents in the Western Gem mine at Drumheller.

The local stores expect to remain open evenings on December 23rd and 24th, and in all probability will be closed the day following Christmas. Watch for notice in the stores to this effect.

In spite of the abnormally quiet times, local stores are enjoying a fairly brisk Christmas trade. By various means of advertising, including attractive window displays, they are reaping a reward.

A farm journal published the week after Thanksgiving and another one on our desk today refer to great length to the "turkey situation." We rather feel that it's the turkeys themselves that should worry.

With the advent of such an immense quantity of snow, it is no longer necessary for the police to search Christmas trees for "moisture."

Blairmore won an easy victory over Coleman in the opener for the Crows' Nest Pass Hockey League on Friday night last, the score being 6 to 0. The Coleman lads were obliged to take a sleigh ride to Blairmore in one of the worst blizzards of the season, which no doubt had ill effects upon their playing. About four hundred fans witnessed the game.

Two boon companions were on their way homeward from a Christmas Eve party. They had dined and wine and were quite jovial. They came to a postal box. "Pardon me, old top," said one, "I must try this machine." He dropped a dime in the slot; then gazing at the city hall clock, said in horrified tones: "Migaud, I've lost twelve pounds since yesterday!"

The best we can wish for is that, until we wish again, we remain as good friends as we have been in the past

**GILLIS & LYNCH-STAUTON**  
BARRISTERS and SOLICITORS  
BLAIRMORE ALBERTA

WE EXTEND to the People of the Crows' Nest Pass our cordial wishes for their Health and Happiness this Christmas and throughout the Coming Year.

**Western Canada Wholesale Co., Limited**  
Ferne, B.C.

Heartiest Wishes for Your Health and Happiness  
Throughout the Christmas Season  
and the New Year

**THE L.B.K. STORE**  
A. CARSWELL, Proprietor  
LUNDBRECK ALBERTA

WE TAKE PLEASURE in extending to the people of the Crows' Nest Pass and District

HEARTIEST SEASON'S GREETINGS

**East Kootenay Power Co.**  
Head Office: Ferne, B.C.

We Greet You One and All,  
and  
Wish You a Very Merry Christmas

**CHARDON'S**  
Confectionery - Fruits - Ice Cream - Light Lunches  
Most Complete Line of Chocolates and Confections  
BLAIRMORE ALBERTA

MAY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON come to us  
all like a treasure galleon of yore—overflowing with  
its cargo of happiness and good fortunes.

**E. J. POZZI**  
Contractor and Builder  
Phone 155  
BLAIRMORE ALBERTA

Wishing All our Patrons and the People of  
Blairmore and District  
The Compliments of the Season

**KNAPMAN PLUMBING & HEATING CO.**  
BLAIRMORE ALBERTA

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**  
From The Blairmore Hardware Co.

Christmas has a charm which clings to us as a sort of family rite, to which the centered members of the same household sit down together beneath the old root tree which sent them forth. Let us be thankful for this custom, which bears the stamp of Christmas usage, and is a legacy to us from the earliest dawn of faith. On Christmas Day, when you will all be with your families, may you celebrate in a way that will really mean "A Merry Christmas" in the deepest and truest sense of the word.

In our windows you will see a good variety of Toys and other merchandise at very moderate prices. We have priced every thing to meet existing conditions. We have very special prices on a Good Quality of Dinner and Tea Ware.

**Blairmore Hardware Co.**  
The Premier Merchandisers of the Crows' Nest Pass



**S**OMETIMES advertising men find a disposition on the part of merchandisers to offer splendid bargains without advertising—without advising their large number of regular patrons about it. The result is that the occasional shopper in that store who happened to be in on the day or days when the special lines were offered, got the advantage. Does this create good-will? People are busier than they ever were. They look to their newspaper for shopping news.

Advertising is the promoter of sales; the business stimulant, as necessary as the sales staff. Advertising is the store windows in print sent into the homes of the buyers. It has the same power today, tomorrow and yesterday.

You believe, perhaps, that you should get money in first to pay for advertising. That is putting the cart before the horse.

Advertising, properly written, and designed, distributed in the homes by the proper medium and conscientiously and honestly backed up, not only pays for itself, but produces a dividend. It is an investment, not an expense. It is an assurance that business will be good—why wait?

The Enterprise specializes in presenting the sales messages of its advertisers in a pleasing manner to its many readers, whose interest is assured by a paid-in-advance subscription list reaching out into the homes of this fine industrial district, as well as the surrounding farming territory.

Everyone Easily Scores a Success  
in Accounting For His Failures.

"THE world is a rush, ye ken,  
There's nae much rest for business men;  
But here's a hearty greeting—  
May Christmas bring you Muckle Joy,  
The New Year luck wi'out alloy;  
And a' your cares be fleeting."

## The Greenhill Hotel

R. C. Old, Manager

BLAIRMORE

ALBERTA

**WE WISH YOU** a Merry, Merry Christmas, and Express our Appreciation of your patronage, which makes ours happy too.

## Johnson & Cousens

General Merchants

Phone 12m

Bellevue, Alberta



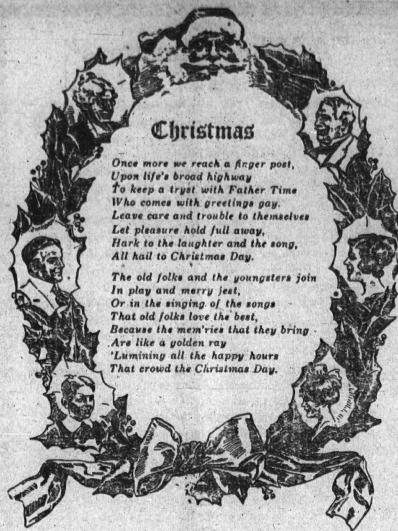
**TO OUR FRIENDS** of long standing—Greetings.  
To our New Acquaintances—Greetings. And to those we have yet to meet and know—Greetings.

## CANADIAN LEGION

of the

## British Empire Service League

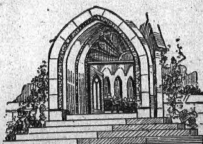
Blairmore Branch No. 7



### Christmas

Once more we reach a finger post,  
Upon life's broad highway  
To keep a tryst with Father Time  
Who comes with greetings gay:  
Leave care and trouble to themselves  
Let pleasure hold full sway,  
Hark to the laughter and the song,  
All hail to Christmas Day.

The old folk and the youngsters join  
In play and merry jest,  
Or in the singing of the songs  
That old folk love the best,  
Because the memories that they bring  
Are like a golden ray  
'Luminating all the happy hours  
That crowd the Christmas Day.



BLAIRMORE UNITED CHURCH  
Rev. J. W. Smith, B.D., Pastor

Serve the church that the church  
may serve you.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 22nd.

11 A.M., SENIOR SCHOOL.

2 P.M., JUNIOR SCHOOL. Each school will conduct its own "White Gifts" service. The gifts are to be sent to Wood's Christian Home, Calgary, unless marked "For Local Relief." Gifts of toys, clothing and foodstuffs are acceptable. Money gifts will also be gratefully received.

7.30 P.M., PUBLIC WORSHIP.

"White Gifts" will remain on the platform of the church and further gifts will be received after the service. Gifts for "Local Relief" are especially invited. The service will be appropriate to the Christmas season. Carols will be sung by choir and congregation. The Minister's subject will be "The Hidden Years." This is the title of a book by John Oxenham. It is a delightful book, but it is also a book that creates a good many questions in the mind of the reader. In his sermon, the Minister will discuss some of these questions.

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

11 A.M.—An hour of worship on Christmas Day morning. This is one of the most helpful services held during the year in our church. The annual offering for the Missionary Work of the church will be received.

ANNOUNCEMENT—All groups and classes will be discontinued during the holidays, except by special arrangement with the Leader or Teacher.

### HILLCREST UNITED CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. J. W. Smith, B.D.

Services every Sunday—

11 a.m.—Junior School, for boys and girls under 12 years.

2 p.m.—Senior School, for young people over 12 years.

3 p.m.—Public Worship.

Born, at Bellevue, on Sunday last, to Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Sirett, a daughter, number three. Congratulations, anyway!

A big hockey battle will ensue at the Blairmore arena on Monday evening at 7 o'clock, between the Coleman Juniors and the Blairmore Tuxis. We understand that the necessary troops have already volunteered and that there will be no conscription.

### THE WORK OF THE UNITED CHURCH IN BLAIRMORE

We have often been asked just what work our church is carrying on, and believing that comparatively few people have any idea how extensive that work is, we are giving here a bird's eye view of the activities.

Sundays, at 11 a.m., senior school or young people over 12 years. This school is really a junior school and is a most encouraging feature of the work. 2 p.m., junior school for boys and girls under 12 years. Children are welcome here as soon as they are old enough to attend. 7.30 p.m., public worship or "the Sanctuary Service" as it is sometimes called. Communion service is held quarterly on the second Sunday in each quarter.

Cradle Roll is intended to include the babies from the time of their birth, whether baptised or not, until they are transferred to the junior Sunday school.

GIRLS' WORK—The Philomaths are the senior C.G.L.T. group, Miss Louise Knapman, leader; the Vici C.G.L.T. group, Mrs. D. Oliver, leader; the Junior C.G.L.T. group, Miss F. Warner, leader, and the Golden Keys, Mrs. J. W. Smith, leader.

BOYS' WORK—The Non-Skids are the senior Tux's, Mr. Macpherson, leader. The Commutators are the Junior Tuxis, the Trail Rangers have not yet chosen a name for themselves and the Explorers are the Junior Boys' group, 9 to 12 years. Work in these groups include such special features as "Find Yourself" talks, gymnasium and physical culture, and for hockey we have three groups with enough in each to make two full teams for practice work. The Non-Skids are the juveniles this year, Mr. W. Turner, coach; the Commutators, Mr. W. W. Scott, coach, and the Trail Rangers, Mr. James Patterson, coach.

Special Classes—Manual training, two classes; 1st year, teacher, Mr. Bannan; 2nd year, teacher, Mr. W. Turner. Jesso-Art-Craft, offered to adults, individual instruction is given. English is taught when there are sufficient new Canadians to make the class worth while.

### THREE GOOD TEAMS FOR SALE

—Apply at The Enterprise Office.

Xmas to father means: Xpense, Xperience, Xpeditent, Xtras, Xorbitant and Xit.

Crossing the knees while sitting is said to be an early factor in the forming of varicose veins.

For assaulting Const. Matheson, of the A.P.P., G. F. Brine was at Edson fined \$20 and costs or one month in jail.

Schools close tomorrow for the Christmas holidays. Here's wishing teachers and pupils the merriest Christmas they ever had.



IF CHRISTMAS finds you Happy and leaves you Glad—then will the Yuletide Season have fulfilled our most ardent desire.

## The Cosmopolitan Hotel

Jas. F. Smith, Prop.

BLAIRMORE

ALBERTA

MAY the candles that twinkle this Christmas night be beacons of joy to you—the Compliments of the Festive Season.

## Kerr Bros.

General Merchants

BELLEVUE

PASSBURG

ONCE AGAIN we take this opportunity of wishing all our Friends and Patrons of the Crows' Nest Pass and District.

## A Very Merry Christmas

and a

## Happy and Prosperous New Year

## Burns & Co., Ltd.



FOR those who give presents of money for Christmas to relatives, friends or employees, we have prepared a special cheque printed in Christmas colours, which will be found most suitable and pleasing for this purpose.

You will find a supply of these cheques for your use on the desks in each of our branches.

Money for Christmas is ALWAYS an acceptable gift.

## The Royal Bank of Canada

Blairmore Branch J. B. Wilson, Manager  
Bellevue Branch J. S. Lamey, Manager  
Hillcrest Sub-Agency open Tuesdays and Saturdays





# Merry Christmas!

Simple, but as sincere as  
the most elaborate wish we  
might conjure up for you.

## Blairmore Iron Works

Blairmore

Alberta

### A TOAST TO CANADA

Recently, R. C. Smith, president of the advertising firm of R. C. Smith & Co., was called upon to respond to the toast "To Canada" at a large banquet of business men. His reply was so inspiring and happy in expression The Beaver-Canada First reproduces it:

#### "CANADA"

The world's new Eldorado—  
With streets paved with gold—  
Where a railway is ballasted  
with silver.  
Valleys strewn with copper, and  
Solid mountains of coal—  
Iron sufficient to build all the sky-  
scrapers in the universe, and  
Asbestos to roof them—  
Nickle to burnish up the handles on  
the big front doors and supply the  
world's electricians with a metal that

will not corrode—

Millions of acres covered with the  
very finest building timber and fore-  
sts that supply the world's news-  
print—

Rivers that will create power to  
turn every wheel on the continent—

As the black coal of Pennsylvania  
is depleted, Canada's White Coal will  
transform the factories of the north-  
ern hemisphere and transfer the cen-  
ter of industry from the south to the  
north—

Fisheries unsurpassed anywhere on  
the globe—

Foothills teeming with cattle and  
sheep that will feed the hungry and  
clothe the myriads of Europe—

Wheat fields that are the granaries  
and envy of the world—

Uncounted millions of acres of  
open, fertile soil awaiting men who  
are willing to work and anxious to

make a home for themselves—

The "land of hope and glory,"  
where all men are equal and all men  
have the same chance—

Where liberty of conscience is su-  
preme and equal justice prevails for  
all—

Whose native sons and daughters,  
the product of universities and work-  
shop alike, are in demand as execu-  
tives in all other countries of the  
world—

In short, the land that is now, and  
always will be, a growing market for  
the manufacturer who intelligently  
cultivates it.

#### Amazing, But True

Irate Father: "I can see right  
through that chorus girl's intrigue."

Lovesick Son: "I know, dad, but  
they all dress that way nowadays."

—Tid-Bits.

THERE ARE NO DEGREES OF FRIENDSHIP—

TO OUR BUSINESS FRIENDS AS WELL AS OUR SOCIAL  
FRIENDS WE EXTEND THE

## Compliments of the Season

### Plunkett & Savage (Lethbridge) Limited

Wholesale Dealers in All Kinds of  
Home and Foreign Fruits, Tobaccos, Confections, Etc.

Blairmore Branch

Robt. Gray, Manager

#### Local and General Items

The Ford Motor Company of Can-  
ada will add in 1930 one million to  
the company's average payroll, rais-  
ing wages from six to seven dollars  
a day.

The many local friends of Mr. A.  
J. Bulman will regret to learn that  
he has been ill with scarlet fever,  
and is being cared for in an isolation  
hospital at Calgary.

Remember the Elks' annual dance,  
to be held in the opera house on the  
night of December 31st, New Year's  
Eve. A right royal time is promised.  
We understand that an invitation has  
been extended to the Trail hockey  
team to take the dance in, as the  
members are expected to arrive that  
night while the dance is in progress.

We regret that owing to the  
Christmas rush of business we have  
been unable to complete the musical  
festival syllabus before the Yuletide.  
We hope, however, to have same in  
the hands of Mr. Frank J. Smith by  
Saturday or Monday, when they will  
be distributed.

F. M. Christophers, M.L.A., told a  
Blairmore meeting last Tuesday night  
that the next session of the Alberta  
legislature will be the most sensation-  
al in the history of the U.F.A. govern-  
ment, but he did not explain why.  
However, Phil is erratic sometimes;  
and besides, the U.F.A. majority in  
the house can put anything across  
that the government wants, so Phil  
might as well "keep his shirt on."  
—Nanton News.

We regret to learn that Mrs. W. K.  
Hyslop has been ill at her home at  
Pincher Creek.

Upwards of fifty miners are en-  
tombled at McAlester, Oklahoma, fol-  
lowing an explosion which occurred  
on Tuesday.

One of the biggest fools on earth  
has just been discovered at Okotoks.  
He was fool enough to attempt to  
cash an editor's cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Morrow and  
daughter, of the Royal Bank, Leth-  
bridge, are spending a vacation at  
Seattle and Portland.

A man named Riches was killed by  
a bull near Okotoks last week. As  
far as is known, "bull" in The Pass  
has never yet caused death.

## The BREWING INDUSTRY OF ALBERTA

THE BIG HORN BREWING CO., LTD.  
THE CALGARY BREWING & MALTING CO., LTD.  
THE LETHBRIDGE BREWERIES, LTD.  
THE NEW EDMONTON BREWERIES, LTD.  
THE NORTH WEST BREWING CO., LTD.

extend

*Heartiest Wishes for  
Your Happiness at  
this Christmas Season.*

Alberta Brewery Products

and

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

GO WELL TOGETHER . . . . . ENJOY THEM BOTH!

Sole Agents for the Alberta Brewing Industry

## Distributors Limited

WAREHOUSE

BLAIRMORE

WISHING THE PEOPLE OF THE CROWS' NEST PASS A

## Good Christmas

AND A

## Very Prosperous New Year

### Coleman Garage, Limited

FORD DEALERS for the CROWS' NEST PASS

COLEMAN

ALBERTA







## Special Selection of USED CARS

ALL CLOSED MODELS  
Many thousands of miles in these cars. Look them over before buying elsewhere. Easy Payments arranged, if required.

**C. SARTORIS**  
South Side Garage Blairmore

## DENTISTRY

**R. K. Lillie, D.D.S., L.D.S.**  
Graduate N.U.D.S., Chicago  
**HOURS:**  
Coleman—Morning 9 to 12  
Blairmore—Afternoon 1 to 5  
Evenings by Appointment  
**PHONES:**  
Both Offices 332 — Residence 333

## DENTISTRY

**H. B. Hoar, D.D.S.**  
D.B.C., L.D.S.  
Graduate Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto  
—At Bellevue Monday and Tuesday—  
Office Phone 129 Blairmore

## K. G. CRAIG, LL.B.

Barrister, Solicitor, Notary  
— Phone 167 —  
**BLAIRMORE, ALBERTA**

## J. E. UPTON

**TAILOR TO THE PEOPLE OF  
THE CROWS' NEST PASS**  
Cleaning and Pressing  
Opposite Greenhill Hotel  
Phone 85 : Blairmore

**The Britannia Paint Works**  
G. K. Sirett, Prop.  
**PAINTERS - DECORATORS  
PAPERHANGERS**  
We have in Stock for the Retail Trade the Following  
**Wallpaper, Paints, Brushes,  
Glass, Wall Felt, Etc.**  
Phone 16m  
Bellevue - - Alberta

## CHILDREN GIVE CONCERT AT HILLCREST

The children of St. Theresa's church, Hillcrest, put on a concert in Cole's theatre on Friday evening, the 13th.

In spite of the cold weather and deep snow, a large audience enjoyed the children's entertainment. About thirty boys and girls participated in the programme, which was very pleasing in the variety of its numbers.

The programme was as follows:  
"Welcome tonight," by some tiny girls.

Welcome song, "We're Mighty Glad You've Come," by the whole cast.  
"Jumping Jacks," a drill by the boys, and tumbling acts in circus costumes.

"Caledonian dances." This was a very popular number, as the girls were dressed in period costumes secured in Calgary.

Girls' basket drill.  
"Keeping Still," a song by the boys.

"A Leg or a Wing," a recitation by Agnes Truba.

"Polly, Put the Kettle On," a song by all the girls.

"Come Lassies and Laddies," a folk song by all the cast.

"The Royal Order of Ham and Eggs." This was a black-face military act that was very humorous.

Then a two-act play, called "The Unexpectedness of Catherine Henry." Every child was in splendid costume and all did credit to their teachers. Mrs. Fred Balkwill, Mrs. J. Semanick and Mr. W. Morton were the directors. Music was supplied by Mr. T. Beynon.

Following are the names of those who took part: Annie Lipnicka, Irene Beopotosky, Lorna Balkwill, Vincent Cassagrande, Margaret, Agnes and Lucy Truba; Angeline, Lorna, Richard, Sammy and Rinaldo D'Amico; Louise and Alfred Bosetti; Helen Carpenter; Helen and Ethel Zhaya; Mary Lipnicka; Ethel and Louise Belopotosky; Ernestine, Lydia and John Sharett; Peggy, Dick and Douglas Horton; Yolande Civiteresse, Mary Fumigalli, Mildred Kostenlik, Helen and Eddie Semon, Dora Kunecki, Tony Lesson, Tony Rossi, Charlie Ulrick, Eddie McDade, Bill Bardock, John Elick, Jake Andreashuk, Tom Polgornik, Willie Panek, Richard D'Ercolo, Walter Price, John Soprovich and Edmund Carcanin.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

## PIJAMAS JUST A FAD

Don't be afraid, ladies, men have no intention of wearing pyjamas as street attire. In fact, many of us do not care for them at night. After tossing and turning a half a dozen times, one is too likely to find the northeast part of the garment bound tightly around the southeast portion of the off leg, with the centre binder locking the kneecaps together.

Those of us who are old-fashioned, sneak into a night shirt when we are at home, and carry pyjamas for hotel and sleeping car display.

We won't sport pyjamas for long. We are merely insisting upon something that rivals women's attire in sensibility. Sooner or later we'll get We are merely insisting upon something that will take the place of our present unsanitary trousers—and when we do, we'll forget all about those pyjama parades.—Ex.

# Robin Hood FLOUR

"MONEY-BACK PLUS 10% Guarantee in Every Bag"



## An Obedient Pair

The minister was calling at the house and seemed interested in little Tommy.

"Well, my little fellow," he asked, "do you always do as your mamma tells you?"

"Yes, sir, I do," replied Tommy, "and so does papa!"

A little girl was acting as bridesmaid at a wedding. When the ceremony was over she asked the bride if she was very tired.

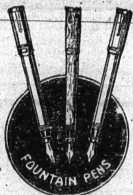
"No," was the reply.

"Well," continued the small girl, "mother said the other day that you had been running after Mr. Jones for two years."

Coleman defeated Bellevue on Monday night to the tune of 4 to 1, in a game that was almost lacking of pep and practically void of fan support. It is a pity that the players cannot at least have the support of the home public. An audience of two hundred should not be considered representative of a population of 2500 or more.



# They'll Know it's a Better Gift if It Comes from -TRONO'S-



**WHETHER** it's the one all-important gift or one of many small remembrances, our name on the box will say "Quality"—instantly. For that name is a pledge of utmost value—supported by an unquestioned reputation.

Hundreds of patrons have found our experience as gift counsellors a valuable help in choosing a gift for the person in mind. May we not assist you also?

We have a Complete Stock of  
**COMMUNITY SILVER**

In the famous Adams' and Holmes & Edwards' designs  
**CASE PIPES : CIGARETTE CASES**

Call in and See the Newest Creations in  
**Green Precision Quadron Wrist Watches**  
Especially built for use of nurses, doctors, or men who require exact time in seconds. Plain or engraved, at attractive prices

**WHITE and TWO-TONE IVORY**  
In the latest Anso Patricia designs and creations  
**PERFUMES : FANCY STATIONERY SETS**

As a Gift Supreme, we have a Splendid Assortment of  
**DIAMONDS**

We have a Complete Line of **BULOVA** Also a stock of **\$1000 Worth of**

**BULOVA** **PARKER and**  
**WATCHES and** **WATERMAN**  
**CLOCKS** Pens and Pencils

EACH ARTICLE NICELY PARCELLED IN FANCY GIFT BOXES

**All Appropriate Christmas Gifts**

**Victor Radios and Orthophonics**  
**MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS**

Phonographs, from \$7.50 up  
1000 New Records to choose from, including Children's Xmas Records

— WATCH OUR WINDOWS FOR PRICES ON REAL BUYS —

**Do Your Christmas Buying at Home**

-- We Guarantee to Satisfy You --

**S. Trono**  
**DIAMOND MERCHANT**  
**BLAIRMORE - ALTA.**



**man to man**

the best long odds

**WHITE HORSE**  
REAL OLD SCOTCH WHISKY

DISTILLED and BOTTLED in GLENLIS

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## Local and General Items

There is said to be no crime in Prince Edward Island and that divers are unknown there.

In the exhibition games at Trail on Monday and Tuesday nights of this week, Blairmore played to a draw in one and lost eight to one in the second. Trail is due to play a return two-game series at Blairmore on January 1st and 2nd.

We must congratulate the Blairmore Pharmacy upon being the successful tenderer for drawing paper and examination cap supplies for the local school; but we cannot commend the action of the Board in inviting parties at Winnipeg, Calgary and Lethbridge to enter tenders against local taxpayers.

Kimberley's chief of police has been suspended, pending the hearing of charges preferred against him by the chief officer of the Fernie district.

The Coleman Journal last week remarked: "P. M. Christophers very peeved and lets off steam." Now we know why the abnormal amount of moisture precipitation during the past week.

Mr. Bernard M. Stitt, who has numerous friends in this district and is very well known, has this year been elected mayor of Le Pas for the fourth successive term. Mr. Stitt is the old Barney Stitt, who with Dickie Rehan, was one of the big hockey players of the Crows' Nest in olden days.

Newcastle ratepayers are objecting to their being part of the city of Drumheller.

Hillcrest was defeated by Lethbridge four to two on Tuesday night at Lethbridge.

Nine persons were killed and a number injured in a prison battle at Auburn, New York.

Miss Jocelyn Peake returned from Calgary on Friday morning last, where she had been to attend the funeral of her mother.

The F. M. Thompson Co. have already advised of the services of Johnnie Shaffer, junior, for their Christmas rush.

There is still time to put in your order for personal greeting cards at The Enterprise office. We have a large stock and can deliver the goods in a few hours.

ARISTOCRAT OF BEAUTY—Ladies Wrist Watches, set in diamond, from \$100.00 up. This is the new Bulova. Call and see them at TRONOS.

No man can separate his private life from his public life and pretend that the one has nothing to do with the other. No man can be two men.—Exchange.

Rev. Father Joseph John Nolan, aged 54, of Big Valley, died at Victoria on Wednesday night of last week. He was a native of Sydney, Nova Scotia.

JUST ARRIVED—A Christmas Special in Pearl and Amber Sets. Ten-piece sets in case, special price, per set \$17.00. TRONOS's Jewelry Store, Blairmore.

## We Pay Men \$35 a week up.

For easy work—introducing guaranteed tailored-to-measure suits \$19.75 up. New plans make success sure even for beginners. Apply today, stating age, occupation. If your letter is sincere, you will receive complete sample outfit free. Wilson-Bradshaw, Box 1015, Montreal.

### Fruit Cake

Light or Dark Fruit Cake, slabs about 2 lbs each 90c and 95c

Light or Dark Round Fruit Cake, in fancy box, \$1.10

### PLUM PUDDING

We will order a Pudding for you—any size

### Jap Oranges

are of the finest quality this year, per box \$1.30

Cranberries, per lb 30c

### APPLES

Wagner, Spy, Jonathon, Delicious, etc., per box, \$2.45, \$2.50, \$2.65, \$2.95

We will have an excellent assortment of Fresh Fruit & Vegetables for Xmas Shoppers

### OLIVES

Plain, bottle 25c, 35c, 45c  
Stuffed, bot 30c, 40c, 45c  
Ripe, tin 25c, 35c  
Pimentos, glass 20c

### SALAD DRESSING

Best Foods, Premier, Mofett Maki, all sizes, from 25c to 60c

Lobster, tin 30c, 50c

Shrimp, wet, dry, tin 25c

Crab Meat, tin 40c

Preserved Figs, Texas

skinnies, tin 20c

bottle 50c

Ginger Marmalade 35c

Crabapple Jelly, glass 30c

Red Currant Jelly 35c

Crabapple Jelly, tin 60c

Bramble Jelly, tin 75c

Red Currant Jelly, tin 79c

Preserved Ginger, jar 35c

### HEINZ PICKLES

Sweet Gherkins, Sweet

Mustard, Chow, India Relish

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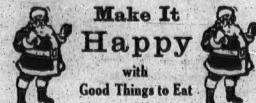
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## Christmas



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Fancy Halves Shelled Walnuts, tin 40c  
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## Feasting at Christmas



**JOHN BULL** has cause to look with pride on his Christmas board laden with rich and tempting fare from roast turkey or goose or signol to plum-pudding and mince pies. But his pride—justifiable as it is—would be a little subdued if he could look on at the Christmas dinner enjoyed by his forefathers of past centuries.

The Christmas dinner of those days of old was a banquet indeed—a perfect revel of feasting, accompanied by a ceremonial worthy of such a high occasion.

Watch the imposing entry the boat's head, heralded by a flourish of trumpets, borne aloft on a dish of gold or silver by the server, who, as he enters the banquet-hall with his escort of nobles, knights, and fair ladies, sings his "Caput apri defero, Reddens laudes Domino."

In the wake of this lordly dish, decked with "sweet rosemary and bays," follows the peacock, "food for lovers and meat for lords" with gilt beak and gay-colored plumage. To the strains of music it is borne into the hall by the fairest lady-guest, with her retinue of ladies almost as fair as herself.

And these are but the heralds of the feast, which includes geese and pheasants, capons and pies of capon's tongues, hams and sturgeon, and so on, through the long and succulent list of Christmas fare, to fennel, plum-porridge and mince-pies of gargantuan proportions, until the table literally groans under its wealth of seasonable fare. As for the drinks, they range from mead and ale, "so old that it is almost sweet and treacherous," to the bowls of wassail, with cherries and crabapples bobbing gaily on their steaming surface.

For many a century the boat's head was the piece de resistance of the Briton's Christmas dinner, and it was fitting that such a noble and historic dish should make its appearance with due ceremonial.

"Sweet rosemary and bays around it spread;

His foaming tunic with some large piping graced,

Or midst those thundering spears an orange placed,

Sauce like himself, offensive to its foes,

The roguish mustard, dangerous to the nose."

For centuries, too, the peacock

ranked in dignity and favor next to

the boat's head. To prepare it for

this high festival was an elaborate

process calling for much skill. "The

skin," we are told, "was first care-

fully stripped off, with the plumage

adhering; the bird was then roasted.

When cooked and partially cold it

was sewed up again in its feathers,

its beak was gilt and so sent to table.

Sometimes the whole body was covered with gold leaf, and a

piece of cotton, saturated with spirits, placed in the beak and lighted

before the carver commenced operations. It was stuffed with spices

and sweet herbs, basted with yolk of egg, and served with plenty of

gravy. It was over this splendid dish that the knight of old swore to

undertake any perilous enterprise that came in his way, and to

succor lovely woman in distress even at the cost of his life.

Another indispensable dish of these old-time feasts was frum-

menty or furmenty, a concoction of "wheat, clean fresh broth, and

sweet milk of almonds," and served with fat venison or fresh mut-

ton. Plum-porridge, the progenitor of the succulent plum-pudding

of our day, which was always served with the first course of a Chris-

mas dinner, was made by "boiling beef or mutton with broth, thick-

ened with brown bread. When half boiled, raisins, currants, prunes,

cloves, mace and ginger were added; and when the mess had been

thoroughly boiled it was sent to table with the best meats."

Such was the Christmas dinner in castle and hall in the "good

old days" of Merrie England. And while lord and squire were thus

feasting the poor man's heart was made glad in the kitchen. "I

allow," says Sir Roger de Coverley, "a double quantity of malt to

my small beer, and set it running for twelve days to everyone that

calls for it. I have always a piece of cold beef and a mince-pie upon

the table; and am wonderfully pleased to see my tenants pass away

a whole evening in playing their innocent tricks and smutting one

another." And with such seductive lure to the hall, you may be

sure that the villagers at the park-gates were not the folk to allow

snow-drifts to bar their way to the nut-brown ale, the joints of cold

beef, and the fun and frolic that were their accompaniment.

The straight-laced Puritans of Cromwell's time frowned on such

feasting and merry-making as a profanation of a holy season. And,

curiously enough, the chief objects of their detestation were the

plum-porridge and mince-pies. As a rhyme puts it—

The high-shoe lords of Cromwell's making

Were not for dainties—roasting, baking;

The chiefest bowl they found most good in

Was rusty bacon and bag pudding;

Plum broth was Popish, and mince-pie—

O that was fat idolatry!

Happily mince-pies and plum-porridge (in its successor, plum-

pudding) survived this stern disapproval and are ours to feast on

to-day. But the boat's head and the peacock have practically van-

ished from our Christmas board.

But Yuletide feasting of the past was not of all this magnificent

and orthodox character. For example, a Christmas banquet in

Charles I's time included such novel fare as a "soup of snails, a dish

of green fish buttered with eggs, a rabbit stuffed with oysters, and

a spinach tart"—all doubtless excellent fare, especially when ac-

companied by ale, surflet-water, Canary, sack and Gascony wine.

More appealing to our modern tastes would have been the

dinner to which Peppys sat down on Christmas Day, 1658, which

consisted of "A dish of marrow-bones, a leg of mutton and a loin of

veal, three pullets and a dozen larks, all in a great dish. Also a

great tart, a neat's tongue, a dish of anchovies and prawns, and

cheese."

And what hungry Briton of to-day would not hail a Christmas

pie like that provided for his guests in 1770 by a Sir Henry Grey.

"It was," we read, "nine feet in circumference, weighed 165 pounds,

and contained among other ingredients four geese, two turkeys,

two rabbits, four wild-duck, two snipe, seven blackbirds, and half

a dozen pigeons." This Leviathan pie, we are told, "was brought

round at table on a four-wheeled specially constructed truck."

## Best of All Yule Cheer

CHRISTMAS—the friendliest, jolliest season of all the year, when folks naturally suffer from that good old-fashioned malady—enlargement of the heart! With the sweet winds of festivity blowing at will through city and suburb, down ancestral chimneys and across snow-carpeted prairie, rich and poor alike respond to their cares. With rigid conventions relaxed under the spell of the Yuletide, merriment is provoked upon the slightest provocation. Let the bag of nuts that the bachelor is carrying break its bounds, and litter the floor of the street car, spontaneous laughter ripples through the trolley and strangers are chatting together with the intimacy of neighbors.

Touched by the breath of geniality, sympathetic chords are loosened and a hundred eyes dim with tears as pedestrians witness the tragedy of a curly-headed, blue-eyed baby doll slip from its

wrappings and crash to the pavement, with the shabbily dressed woman stooping in confusion to gather up the fragments. Blind beggars, with their ears tuned to the sweetest melody in all the world—the dropping of nickels and dimes into their tin cups—listen throughout the Christmetide to a symphony of silver coin. Apartment house dwellers, with a world all its own abiding under one roof, wax friendly at a glimpse of the time-hung tree across the corridor. At the Yuletide there is no need of an introduction and

upcountry, who couldn't make the home journey in a week-end, will never forget the kindness of the employer who invited her to share the merry-making in his own home. The university boy will never forget how the folks at the church had entreated him to come and help them eat up the turkey on Christmas Day—assuring him it would be a real kindness to keep them company over Yuletide. It was like the Christmases of long ago, the kitchen filled with spicy odors and the girl-wife from down the street making the



**C**HRISTMAS is a time of secrets,  
So I'll whisper one to you,  
Grandpa says that all who try it,  
Find that every word is true,  
"Would you have a happy day?  
Give some happiness away."

Grandpa says this little secret  
Should be carried through the year,  
And if all would try to heed it,  
Earth would soon be full of cheer,  
"Would you have a happy day?  
Give some happiness away."  
—H. A. Lyman

you find yourself exchanging hearty greetings with the fellow you've bumped into daily in the restaurant, but with whom you haven't the slightest personal acquaintance.

In the cities, where strangeness and loneliness are taken for granted, it is during the Yuletide that the friendly hand-clasp is accepted as the best gift of the season. The little stenographer from

dinner in the old folks' kitchen, setting the table with her own snowy cloth, dainty bride's china and silver. In the gloaming when the old people with the young folk sat down before the crackling fire, the girl-wife's hand clasping the old woman's toil-stained palm, it was vividly clear to both of them that it was the "much-needed hand-clasp" that was best of that Christmas merrymaking.

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## A PRAYER

Let me do my work each day and if the darkened hours of despair overcome me, may I not forget the strength that comforted me in the desolation of other times.

May I still find the bright hours that found me walking over the silent hills of my childhood, dreaming on the margin of the quiet river, when a light glowed within me and I promised my early God to have courage amidst the tempest of the changing years.

Spare me from bitterness and from sharp passions of unguarded moments. May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the spirit.

Lift my eyes from the earth and let me not forget the uses of the stars. Forbid that I should judge others lest I condemn myself. Let me not follow the clamour of the world, but walk calmly in my path.

Give me a few friends who will love me for what I am and keep forever burning before my vagrant steps the kindly light of hope.

Though age and infirmity overtake me and I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams, teach me yet to be thankful for life, for golden memories that are good and sweet and may the evening's twilight find me gentle still.—Selected.

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## THE FRIEND WHO JUST STANDS BY

When trouble comes your soul to try, You love the friend who just stands by.

Perhaps there's nothing he can do; The thing is strictly up to you. For there are troubles all of our own, And paths the soul must tread alone; Times when love can't smooth the road.

Nor friendship lift the heavy load. But just to feel you have a friend, Who will stand by until the end; Whose sympathy through all endure, Whose warm handclasp is always yours;

It helps somehow to pull you through, Although there's nothing he can do; And so with fervent heart we cry: "God bless the friend who just stands by."—Selected.

## CHRISTMAS JOY

This is the time when the grey old man

Leaps back to the days of youth; When brows and eyes wear no disguise,

But flush and gleam with truth; Oh, then is the time when the soul exults,

And seems right heavenward turning;

When we love and bless the hands we press,

When the Christmas log is burning.

## ELEGY WRITTEN ON A CHRISTMAS GIFT

I hate this woolen underwear! I'm mad enough to hawl! It itches here, it itches there! The darned itch seems to crawl! And, when I start to scratch somewhere, That ain't the place at all!

## A CHRISTMAS FABLE

Once upon a time there was a married man, who was taken by his wife on Christmas Eve to a party given by the Ladies' Aid—and the man had a good time.

Small Brother: "Say, Sis, can I hang up one of your stockings for Christmas?"

Big Sister: "What on earth do you want to hang up one of mine for?" Small Brother: "So's I can see what's in it without getting out of bed."—Transcript.

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"Right for ye, father," the girl replied.

"And would ye be asking yer mother, if I can have one to're I die?"

The daughter delivered the messages to mother in the kitchen, and brought back this answer: "Mother says ye can't have one of them doughnuts; they're for the wake." —The Life Aetna-izer.

## Terrible, Ain't It?

The demure young bride, a trifle pale, her lips set in a tremulous smile, slowly stepped down the long church aisle, clinging to the arm of her father.

As she reached the low platform before the altar, her slipped foot brushed a potted flower, upsetting it. She looked at the spilled dirt gravely, and then raised her childlike eyes to the sedate face of the old minister.

"That's a hell of a place to put a flower pot," she said.

Son: "Daddy, who was Hamlet?" Daddy: "Ain't you ashamed of your ignorance. Bring me the Bible and I'll show you."

## There's A Difference

An Englishman entered a Scotch butcher shop and ordered: "A sheep's head."

The butcher called down to his assistant in the cellar: "Atack, bring up a sheep's head."

Then the Englishman chimed in: "I want an English sheep's head."

So the Scotch butcher shouted down the cellar again: "Atack," he instructed, "take the brains out of it."—Ex.

## Happened in Hillared

Violist: "The leading lady seems to have a break in her enunciation this evening."

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